## **REMARKS**

Claims 4-5 are pending in this application, of which claim 4 has been amended. No new claims have been added. Claims 1-3 have been canceled.

The Examiner has objected to claim 4 for an informality which has been corrected in the aforementioned amendments.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 4-5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Accordingly, claim 4 has been so amended.

A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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